



Dear Constituent:

The First Regular Session of the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly has opened and legislators will begin the process of holding hearings and debating bills in their respective chambers.

So far, approximately 150 measures have been filed in the Senate. I have 11 measures filed and two resolutions that will help improve many aspects of life in Missouri, including references to law enforcement and employment.

[Senate Bill 42](#) — This bill would allow a law enforcement officer to use deadly force only when:

- all other means of apprehension are unavailable or have already been exhausted;
- the officer has warned the suspect; and
- the officer reasonably believes the suspect is attempting to escape and possesses a deadly weapon.

This bill also states that an officer who uses deadly force against an unarmed person who is 20 feet or more away from the officer must be immediately suspended from duty, without pay, until a full investigation of the event is completed.

[Senate Bill 43](#) — This bill states that the Attorney General of Missouri has the purview to investigate officer-involved deaths that take place after Aug. 28, 2015. If an investigation is ordered, it must be conducted by at least two investigators, neither of which works for any agency involved in the death. This bill does not apply to officers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

[Senate Bill 44](#) — Similar to other “ban the box” legislation, this bill promotes responsible hiring practices and ensures that no one is denied employment based on an obsolete, unrelated or inaccurate background check.

[Senate Bill 72](#) — This bill would disincorporate all the villages in St. Louis County. Those villages then would not be able to incorporate or annex into another city.

[Senate Bill 155](#) — This measure would establish the Neighborhood Watch Fund, of which, priority would be given to counties, cities, towns or other political subdivisions of St. Louis. Administrated by the Department of Public Safety, funds for the programs must be appropriated by the General Assembly.

[Senate Bill 156](#) — This bill would re-name part of State Highway 115 in St. Louis City as “Theodore McNeal Highway.”

[Senate Bill 161](#) — This act would make certain provisions pertaining to school district procedures. Specifically, anti-bullying policies must be equal across-the-board and included in all student hand-books, and applied district-wide.

[Senate Bill 162](#) — This bill would modify that certain redevelopment areas would be eligible to receive economic activity taxes and payments in-lieu of taxes for up to 25 years if the approving body authorizes such a time period. This would only apply to St. Louis City redevelopments that contain more than five redevelopment projects approved prior to 2004.

[Senate Bill 163](#) — This measure would authorize a tax credit for anyone who adopts a shelter dog or cat. The one-time \$300 credit would only be good for the year of the adoption. Also, the Legislature would have to appropriate funds for the tax credit.

[Senate Bill 165](#) — This act would allow any person found guilty of certain non-violent crimes to file a petition for expungement of those crimes.

[Senate Bill 166](#) — This measure would change the name of the current specialty license plate from “I Have a Dream” to “Dare to Dream,” all fees of which would remain the same and would better reflect the goals of the original speech.

Many of the bills filed by my colleagues and myself for the 2015 legislative session are directly related to the events of the last six months in Ferguson. When something so tragic, so devastating, occurs, lawmakers must stand up for those who are not heard, and be a voice for the voiceless. I am honored to have the opportunity to be that voice.

Thank you.

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